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www.pennjerseyrose.org

Happy 2013! And that means that we are now officially starting the Rose growing season for the new year. And that means that the Mid Winter Get-A-Way is just weeks away. Curtis Aumiller, chair of the event, previews the event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sadly this year starts with a little less volume due to the disbanding of two societies in our District, one in both Pennsylvania and one in New Jersey. I am hoping that at this point the members in those societies have found new homes in neighboring societies.

My role as District Director is a two way street. One to be a means of communication between the folks in Penn Jersey and the National ARS office (and vice versa) and the other is to facilitate communication

between the members and societies in the district.

As a newly elected District Director on the ARS board (thank you?), I am going to try and decode the ARS, so that it can become more meaningful and useful to us in the PJ District.

The ARS always needs money (Don't we all?) And, it is my responsibility to be part of the process to see that the money, when it does come, is spent wisely for the membership. From my first observation, it appears that under the leadership of Jeff Ware, fiscal sanity and creativity has come to Shreveport. But that does not mean that all is totally in good straights.

When things are flush, there is a tendency to over create and to expand in ways that don't meet the mission. When things are tight, it can sometimes

seem heretical to stop doing some of the creative new things. The one blessing that I can report is that at no time during the Board Meeting in San Ramon did I hear the words “But we have always done it that way.” So there is great hope for the future.

As a primer to this whole ARS-District thing, I will give you this background. There is a Regional Director for every Zip Code in America. And there is a District Director for each of the 18 (previously defined) geographic districts. The Board is created of all of the District and Regional Directors, President, Vice President, past presidents etc.

Let’s just say that it takes a large table. The actual done and dirty work is done in the committees outside the board. And all of the committee heads are appointed by the President. The Committee structure appears to be VERY LARGE, with a whole bunch of more folks.

One of my first priorities is to try and present to all

of you and myself the listing of all of the committees, who heads them and what they are to be doing. How we are supposed to give input and what is the accountability from the committee.

I do this for the primary benefit of the ARS; I believe firmly that the Penn Jersey District is one of the most dynamic, hard-working and creative bunch of folks anywhere. The members of our District can go a long way in helping the ARS by sharing our experiences and wisdom and concern to the folks who are trying to make our hobby more enjoyable.

Starting with the Spring issue, I hope to start this primer with what is supposed to happen in “YOUR ARS”. And you can think about, and offer suggestions and help to make it grow and improve.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mid Winter and getting your input for what you want

me to do for you in the future. *Nancy*

2013 Penn-Jersey District Convention & Rose Show

The West Jersey Rose Society will be hosting the Penn-Jersey District Convention from Friday, September 6 through Sunday, September 8, 2013. The convention will be held at the ML Hotel in Mt. Laurel, New Jersey.

There will be a full horticultural judging school and seminar on Friday, September 6. The Rose Show will be held on Saturday, September 7 and the Penn-Jersey District meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8.

The family friendly hotel also features an indoor water park and entertainment center.

Additional details will be available in the near future on the West Jersey Rose Society’s website as well as the April issue of the Rose Vine.

Check out the hotel at:

www.thehotelm.com

HORTICULTURE JUDGING SCHOOL/SEMINAR AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

A horticulture judging school and seminar will be held on September 6-7, 2013, the Hotel ML, in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, in conjunction with the Penn-Jersey District fall convention. The school will be held on Friday, Sept. 6, with the practical exam on Saturday, September 7, immediately following the judging of the district rose show. The update for accredited judges will be held in the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 6. Accredited judges need to attend a seminar at least once every four years. Candidates and accredited judges from any American Rose Society district are welcome to attend. The requirements for becoming an accredited ARS horticulture judge are given below.

For further information about the school and seminar, contact Bruce Monroe, 302-478-5733 or professor@katiegirl.net. For further information about the convention, contact Gus Banks, jrjrose@verizon.net.

To be certified as an Apprentice Rose Judge, the applicant must:

1. Have completed an accredited judging school and passed both the written and practical exams.
2. Have personally grown garden roses or been involved in their culture for five years.
3. Have been a member of the American Rose Society for at least thirty-six months, including the twelve months immediately preceding becoming an Apprentice Rose Judge.
4. Have exhibited in the horticulture section of at least a total of five ARS accredited rose shows over a period of at least three years. The applicant should have won at least five horticulture blue ribbons and at least two ARS horticulture certificates or equivalent awards.
5. Have worked in at least three rose shows, either as a clerk or in some other capacity, such as show chairman or clerks' chairman that would familiarize the applicant with proper show procedures.
6. Pay the application fee set by the American Rose Society.

2013 Penn-Jersey District Rose Show Dates		
Saturday, May 25	West Jersey Rose Society	Macy's Court, Moorestown Mall, Moorestown, NJ
Saturday, June 1	Harrisburg Rose Society	Harrisburg Mall, Harrisburg, PA
Sunday, June 2	Philadelphia Rose Society	Morris Arboretum, 100 Northwestern Ave., Chestnut Hill, PA
Saturday, June 8	Del-Chester Rose Society	Longwood Gardens, Kenneth Square, PA
Sunday, June 9	Reading-Berks Rose Society	Boscov's North, Reading, PA
Saturday, June 8	York Area Rose Society	HACC York Campus, SciTech Building
Saturday, September 14	Jersey Shore Rose Society	Deep Cut Gardens, Middletown, NJ
Saturday, September 14	Pittsburgh Rose Society	Bidwell Training Center, Manchester

OTHER IMPORTANT ROSE SHOWS/EVENTS--2013

- **May 18, 2013 The Wyck Symposium**

The Wyck is a national historic landmark featuring the oldest rose garden in its original plan in the United States.

The Wyck is sponsoring its fifth annual symposium and this year the program is entitled: **Sustainable Gardening with Old Garden Roses.**

The program is being presented in partnership with The Heritage Rose Foundation. The program includes talks which include an interactive discussion with an expert rose panel. Following lunch, there will be a series of workshops as well as an opportunity for participants to tour the Wyck Historic House, garden, and farm. Additional information is available at their website: www.wyck.org

- **September 6-8, The Penn-Jersey District Convention hosted by The West Jersey Rose Society, Mt. Laurel, NJ.**



- **The 2013 ARS Miniature/Miniflora Conference and Rose Show** (All Mini/Miniflora Conference) **Sept. 20-22** — Winston-Salem, NC — hosted by the [Winston-Salem RS](http://www.winston-salem-rose-society.com). Holiday Inn Select. Contact [James Richardson](mailto:jrrosebud@windstream.net) for more information at: jrrosebud@windstream.net



Olympiad

Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend

Our **2013 Winter Rose Get-A-Way** Weekend will meet on **February 15, 16 and 17** at the **Eden Resort Inn in Lancaster, 717-569-6444**.

So many people work to make this event special for all of us and I would like to take a moment here to say thank you to all of those who help. Without everyone in the district, this event just couldn't happen!

We will host another of her outstanding winter arrangement workshops on arrangements in the **Oriental Manner**. Arrangers who register to participate in this workshop need to bring their own containers (Flat or tall. Not more than 8 inches in any direction) and **kenzans** if they wish. We will be providing oasis, greens, line material, and of course roses.

Please also bring newspaper to cover your area, and any other tools you might need to use such as a pruner, etc. Since it was such a big hit last year, I will be bringing backboards and baseboards for those arrangers who want to see how their arrangements look against various colored backgrounds. If you are staying for dinner, we will be using the arrangements for the table centerpieces again. We will also have a table set up to sell containers, tools, etc. that arrangers use, so bring your check book!

Dr. William Patrie from **Shippensburg University** will be speaking regarding updates on **Rose Rosette Disease**.

Don't forget our Annual Photo Contest. **Bruce & Liz Monroe** and **Tom Mayhew** do a lot of hard work to make this happen and we love seeing the roses! More information about that will be in the next issue of the **Rose Vine**.

Bring your wallet! **Donna & J R Smith** will once again be hosting the district raffle! They always have such great items, so make sure to get enough tickets to win the prize you want!!

Make sure to stop by the hospitality suite and catch up with old friends, or make some new ones.

Our District meeting will be held on Sunday.

Please take the time to make your reservations with Eden now. We often fill our room block so if you can't get a room early, contact me and I'll try and get the room block increased if it is not too close to our meeting.

I am looking forward to a fun filled weekend of rose friends.

Curtis Aumiller

Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend Registration

Reserve rooms directly with **Eden Resort Inn, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.**

Phone **717-569-6444**. Rates are **\$104.95/room/night** (up to **two** people per room), **\$114.95** for **three** people per room, and **\$124.95** for four people per room.

Mention **the PA/NJ District American Rose Society** meeting to get the special room rates.

Registration – Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend on February 15– 17, 2013

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail: _____

Registration **\$11.00 each** \$ _____

(Includes Continental Breakfast on Saturday of Coffee, Tea,
Donuts and Pastries)

Arrangement workshop **\$11.00 each** \$ _____

Dinner (must be registered for convention)

(Saturday) **Roast Turkey** **\$32.00 each** \$ _____
(Sliced Roast Turkey with Sage Dressing and Giblet Gravy)

Smoked Country Ham **\$32.00 each** \$ _____
(with Peach Brandy Sauce)

Sunday Breakfast

All-American **\$15.00 each** \$ _____
(Fresh Scrambled Eggs with Breakfast Potatoes and Bacon,
Muffins, Coffee, OJ)

Do you have any special dietary concerns/needs? _____

Total Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Make check payable to: **Penn-Jersey District**

Mail to: **Georgianna Papale, 2371 Perricrest Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15220**

2013 Schedule for Penn-Jersey Get-A-Way Mid-Winter Weekend

Friday, February 15th

Executive Suite

4:00 pm – 10:00 pm Hospitality/Registration

Saturday, February 16th

Presidential Ballroom

8:00 – 10:00 am Continental Breakfast available

8:50 – 9:00 am Welcome - District Director Nancy Redington

9:00 - 10:30 am How to Prepare for Exhibiting – Panel Discussion

10:30 - 12:00 am Update on Rose Rosette Disease – Dr. William Patrie

12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch on your own

1:00 - 3:00 pm Arrangement Workshop – “Oriental Manner” -Curtis Aumiller

3:00 - 4:00 pm “More than 1” How to enter multiple arrangements at a show
Nancy Redington

4:00 - 4:15 pm Rose Photo Contest Awards

7:00 - 9:00 pm Dinner – Speaker: Rafiq and Suni Bolar:
“Our Journey into Hybridizing Roses”

Executive Suite

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Hospitality Suite Open

5:30 - 6:00 pm Mass – Fr. Gervase Degenhardt

6:00 - 7:00 pm Social Hour

9:00 pm – 12:00 am Hospitality Suite Open

Sunday, February 17th

Presidential Ballroom

9:30 - 10:45 am Business Meeting – District Director Nancy Redington

The South Penn Area Rose Society has sadly disbanded and below is an article reprinted from the last issue of the November, 2012 “The Rambler” newsletter with permission from its author, Dale Martin and its editor, June King.

SPARS - The Closing Chapter

By Dale Martin

This October morning is overcast, and the distant mountains are veiled by fog. Leaves from the oaks and maples, having shared their autumn splendor, are now covering the grass. This is a reminder that frosts and freezes cannot be far behind. There are still lingering rose blooms in the garden to be enjoyed - quickly - before they are lost to the coming grip of winter.

As I walk the garden on this misty morn, I come face-to-face with a large bloom of *Pink Lustre*. This beauty was introduced by Jackson & Perkins way back in 1958. Sometime later, it endeared itself to me by winning Queen of a Penn-Jersey District show. Growing nearby is *Mount Shasta*, a white Grandiflora, of 1962 vintage, that can be grown to magnificent proportions. Not consistently of exhibition quality, but it has won many times for me, the most recent being a Queen at our SPARS show a few years ago. Then, there is *Bel Ange*, a medium pink hybrid tea introduced by J&P in 1962. This one earned a National Queen for me in the 1970s and is still thriving in my garden. These roses are just some of the old friends still growing there. There are many others, together with some of the latest exhibition roses.

Now, the question could be asked: “Why grow those old roses when there are now better, newer varieties?”

The answer is simple...old friends are hard to part with. Each of these roses has a special meaning for me, not in my head, where practical thoughts abound, but in my heart where love and loyalty prevail. These same thoughts are mine as we contemplate closing SPARS. Each member of SPARS has a special meaning for me, just as these roses do. My most precious memory is of all the wonderful rose friends that we have come to know and love. Many are no longer with us, having passed to their reward, but the memories linger. I would love to mention names, but don't want to take the chance of missing someone. Each member has added interest and a truly warm fellowship to our group, and I am honored that they consider me a friend. Yes, truly my heart is filled with love and wonderful memories as we part. Old friends are indeed hard to part with. Time and space may separate us, but the memories we will keep forever.

The South Penn Area Rose Society (SPARS) had its beginning in September 1967. Our organizational meeting was held at the old Market House on South Third Street in Chambersburg. It featured a display of roses, rose arrangements and uses of rose, such as rose petal candy and potpourri. The meeting was well advertised and well attended. By the end of the evening, we had answered many rose related questions and had signed on 60 plus charter members. We were now launched and became affiliated with the American Rose Society. Our first rose show was held in 1969. We have, over the years, sponsored 43 June rose shows, plus two September Penn-Jersey District shows, one in 1977 and another in 1995. SPARS is well thought of in rose circles.

The forming of SPARS, you might say, was my baby. In 1959, I became a member of the newly formed Cumberland Valley Rose Society in Hagerstown, MD. I had been growing roses since the early 1950s, but

knew nothing about the organized rose world. This was a new and wonderful experience, and I learned much from the fellowship. I was taken under the wings of the old pro exhibitors and was soon into rose shows. The early 1960s were eventful times for me. I won Queen of Show at a Colonial District

Show, held in the D.C. area, with a rose of the era named *Pink Favorite*. Now firmly hooked on exhibiting, I became an ARS accredited rose judge and also served as president of CVRS. I had a deep and abiding love of roses, and that was my only motivation.

The rose exhibiting continued, and I soon learned that I was not eligible to compete for Colonial District Awards. This was because I was not a resident of that District, which encompassed Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware, and The District of Columbia. The rule applied despite the fact that I was president of a Rose Society within the District. The solution was to compete within my own District of residence, Penn-Jersey.

I had long dreamed of a rose society in our local community. This seemed the right time, and the dream became a reality.

I handled all the coordination with the American Rose Society and the Penn-Jersey District. Mrs. Arthur Wolf, a member of the Garden Club, was our contact point for rose arrangements. Miss Berlin Shoemaker opened her home for the organizational meetings. Finally, we completed all the many tasks involved. Monthly meetings and programs began in September 1967. Our Charter was presented by the then Penn-Jersey District Director, Lincoln Atkiss, at the January 1968 meeting. Our first rose show was delayed until June 1969, while we gained experience. Soon, we were a thriving organization presenting programs, covering every facet of rose growing.

The doors of SPARS will close as of December 31, 2012. It has been a good run. I know that my life has been enriched by our time together. Thank you, one and all, for your contributions and for being so loyal. This will be the end of SPARS as an organization, but the friendships will continue, always.



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